

PRODUCT UPDATE

Clinical Center Standardization Committee



Effective Immediately Tubes for Whole Blood Quantitative EBV PCR

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Effective immediately is a change in blood collection tubes used for Quantitative EBV PCR performed on whole blood samples.

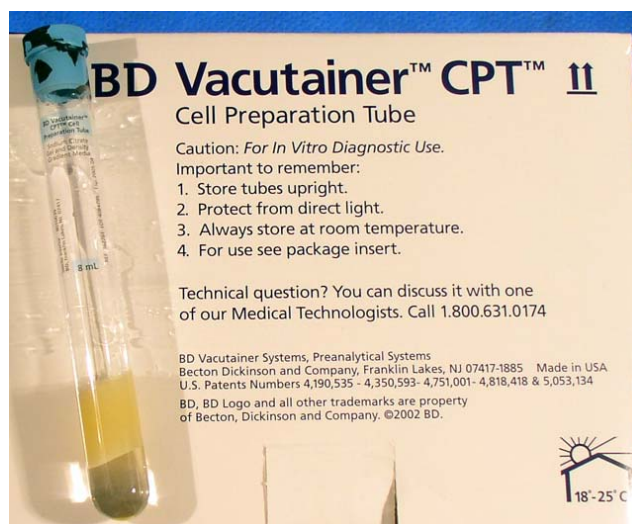
The new tube is BD Vacutainer™ CPT™ Cell Preparation Tube.





Unit of Issue: Each

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How to find in VSC:

Tube Vacutainer CPT EBV PCR



-  This tube should be used for all specimens for whole blood Quantitative EBV PCR to be collected on in-house patients and patients seen in NIH Clinics.
-  Samples that are mailed in from remote collection sites for NIH study patients should be collected in **purple top Vacutainer tubes** as has been the procedure before.
-  **This exception for mailed-in samples only** is necessary because there is reduced preservation of blood samples in the CPT EBV PCR tubes if there is not initial processing of the sample for periods greater than 8 hours.
-  This switch will allow for more streamlined processing of mononuclear cells from patient whole blood samples.

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